



HUGHESDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS · 1924 – 2024

# HUGHESDALE'S HUNDREDTH

CENTENARY NEWS — ISSUE 03 — MAY 2024

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL.

### Celebrating a Century of Excellence.

Our school continues to proudly mark its centenary year, a milestone celebrating 100 years of academic excellence and community service. The festivities have been vibrant and memorable, with students, staff, and alumni coming together to honour our long history. As we move through this special year, the enthusiasm and pride within our community is palpable, and the planned activities have been a resounding success.

One of the highlights of our centenary celebrations was the burial of our time capsule. This event brought together current students and staff, who contributed mementos and messages for future generations. The time capsule, set to be opened in another 50 years, symbolises our 2024 theme of honouring the past and embracing the future, by preserving a snapshot of our present for those who will walk these halls in the decades to come. My highlight was displaying items from the 1985-time capsule. The contents, carefully preserved for nearly four decades, included letters from the Principal and students, photographs, school memorabilia, and

everyday items that offer a fascinating glimpse into the life and culture of our school community in the mid-80s.

It was wonderful to see so many of our teachers and students embrace the time capsule day by wearing fashions of the 1920's. This fun and educational day allowed everyone to experience a bit of the past, fostering a deeper appreciation for the journey our school has taken over the last century.

In addition to these activities, we have been recording interviews with past alumni through Hughes News. These interviews provide fascinating insights into the experiences of former students, showcasing the impact the school has had on their lives and careers. Their stories of success and fond memories are an inspiration for our current students.

We encourage everyone to stay updated on our centenary celebrations by following our social media channels. These platforms are regularly updated with news, event highlights, and behind-the-scenes glimpses of our ongoing festivities. We continue to invite all members of our community to share

their stories and memories of our school via our email address. These contributions are invaluable for our newsletters and will be featured at our open day, helping to create a rich tapestry of our history. Your stories help keep the spirit of our school alive and thriving as we look forward to the next 100 years.

The anticipation is growing for our upcoming Gala Dinner, sure to be a highlight of our centenary year, organised by our dedicated Parents and Friends committee. This event promises an evening of fun, entertainment, and community spirit. The Gala Dinner is not only a fantastic opportunity to enjoy a night out with our amazing community past and present, but also a vital opportunity to support our schools' centenary celebrations. Don't miss out on this unforgettable night—mark your calendars and join us in celebrating our wonderful school community!

'Aim High'!

Dean Napier  
Principal



Centenary Dress Up Day



Reflections and Memories



Centenary Pride



'100' Production - Thursday 25th July



Gala Dinner - Book your tickets



Centenary Carnival - Save the Date

**TIME CAPSULE  
& DRESS UP DAY.**



**HPS TEACHING AND SUPPORT STAFF  
2ND MAY 2024**

**On Thursday 2nd May, we celebrated our 100 year anniversary and the concealment of our centenary time capsule with a dress up day and special assembly.**

It was amazing to see so many of our students dress up as either students or teachers from the 1920/30's. Our students were given the opportunity to participate in olden days games and experiences, such as writing with chalk and ink.

We were lucky to have several former staff members and students come in to speak with our students about what school was like, before many of the technologies that we use now, were invented.

The day concluded with a whole school assembly, attended by our special guests, Deputy Mayor Cr Brian Little and our Senior Regional Education Leader, Carolyn Elliot. The students also had the opportunity to show off their costumes to the whole school and parents in attendance.

We would like to thank all of our students and teachers who dressed up to make it a memorable day in Hughesdale Primary School's history.

We would also like to thank our special guests, Michael Cormick (former Assistant Principal and current Principal of Amsleigh Park Primary) former teachers Edda Williams and Annie Wylie, and former students Geoff Allen (grandfather of Scarlett L) and Alana Porter (current Collingwood AFLW player).

Another former student, Niko Floros, captured the whole day on film, which we sincerely thank him for. Niko's photos along with others taken by the staff will be made available in the coming weeks.



**RIGHT: PRINCIPAL DEAN NAPIER  
WELCOMING ALL WITH A CENTENARY ADDRESS**



**DEPUTY MAYOR OF MONASH:  
CR BRIAN LITTLE**



**LONGEST SERVING HPS TEACHER:  
LEONIE ANCLIM**



**SCHOOL CAPTAINS:  
ALEX AND BRIDGETTE**

# TIME CAPSULE & DRESS UP DAY - THE PARADE.



**ON PARADE:**  
TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ALL ENJOYING GETTING IN CHARACTER AND PROUDLY PARADING THEIR 1920/30S COSTUMES.

# TIME CAPSULE & DRESS UP DAY - ACTIVITIES.



**ABOVE:** FORMER STUDENT: ALANA PORTER (CURRENT COLLINGWOOD AFLW PLAYER) WITH VICE PRINCIPAL AARON RICHARDS



**BELOW L TO R - FORMER TEACHERS:** ANNIE WYLIE & EDDA WILLIAMS AND FORMER ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, MICHAEL CORMICK



## TIME CAPSULE DAY ADDRESS BY OUR PRINCIPAL.

**“Ladies and gentlemen, esteemed guests, and beloved members of the Hughesdale Primary School community, what a wonderful way to honour our school by dressing in the fashions from Hughesdale PS birth in 1924.**

Today marks a monumental occasion in our school's rich history—the celebration of our centenary. For 100 years, Hughesdale Primary had stood as a beacon of education, nurturing generations of young minds within its welcoming walls.

Today, we stand on hallowed ground, amidst a century's worth of learning, laughter and memories. As Hughesdale Primary School celebrates its 100th birthday, it is with great joy and profound gratitude that we are able to honor this historic occasion together.

As alumni's, students, teachers, and community members gather on our school grounds to reminisce of yesteryear, it is a reminder that for a century, this institution has been more than just a school; it has been a cornerstone of our community—a place where students are nurtured, friendships forged, and dreams take flight. From humble beginnings of post-world war 1 in the 1920's, with blackboards and chalk, to its influx of baby boomers and immigrants in the late 40's and early 50's, to the possibility of it nearly closing down in the 90's, to the technological revolution of iPad's and laptops with the 21st century teaching and learning of today and everything in between, HPS has held as a bustling hub of knowledge and inspiration. Our school has stood as a testament to the enduring power of education and the infinite potential of each and every student who has walked through its doors.

Today, we honor not just a building, we are unearthing a snapshot in time of HPS history, along with sealing our own chapter for future generations of Hughesdaliens to enjoy and celebrate in 50 years times.

Students and teachers, today you have participated in games and pastimes of our predecessors, which have given you a brief insight into time 100 years ago. Today we are filming this assembly for our future Hughesdale community to enjoy and for you to possibly reminisce and take a trip down memory lane in 50 years' time and hopefully look back fondly of your time at Hughesdale PS. Pericles stated that “Time is the wisest counsellor of all”. Suggesting that with time, one gains wisdom and perspective. I hope in the next 50 years you grow and develop into upstanding



citizens and reflect on what values and education you have learnt from HPS.

Speaking to current students, some of their favourite memories about HPS is their teachers, their friendships, representing the school in sporting events, using technology and of course school camps and excursions. I truly hope, you are all able to enjoy the nostalgia of reliving your time at Hughesdale Primary School at the reopening of this time capsule.

The legacy of Hughesdale Primary is not just about buildings and classrooms, but about the countless lives touched and futures that have been shaped within these walls. In learning, you will teach, and in teaching, you will learn. These words served as a poignant reminder of the enduring power of education to shape lives and communities. In the words of Socrates; Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel. May we continue to strive, to learn, and to grow, ensuring that the flame of education burns bright in our hearts and minds.

To conclude, I would like to read you an extract of a letter written in 1985 from Bernard Greenwood Principal of HPS from 1977-1986. This letter was written when I was in grade 6, and I am amazed at how different and sometimes similar teaching still is.

*“Life at the school during my time as Principal was most pleasant, there were many happy times with plenty of swimming, sport, excursions, tours and visits to places of interest near and far.*

*I sincerely wish all who attend our school, who work there or maintain it in any way, a very wonderful and happy time, involving themselves deeply and with dedication, to those bright eyed – sometimes frustrating and always with interests and enthusiasm – ‘our pupils’ our interests – our life’s work.”* Bernard Greenwood

As an educator, I would like to acknowledge the tireless efforts of all the teachers and parents here today and to the ones that have come before us. Our work with students is not just about imparting knowledge but also about investing in something deeply meaningful to us. Students, you are our life's work, and it's a privilege to be a part of.

Thank you, and happy centenary, Hughesdale Primary!”

**Dean Napier**  
Principal

**ABOVE: PRINCIPAL DEAN NAPIER  
WELCOMING ALL WITH A CENTENARY ADDRESS**

## MY REFLECTIONS

### DOROTHY KRAFT (VECHT)

**"I can remember quite clearly my first day at school. I didn't give my mother a second glance as I rushed into the schoolroom and began to play with the little coloured sticks. I used to walk home every afternoon with my brother, who was then in grade 5 with Mrs Rossiter.**

For story time, and any other time that we had to sit on the floor, we used to sit on little oval, raffia mats that left marks on our legs when we stood up. We also had to lie on them for our afternoon nap time.

I remember learning to write, using small blackboards and white chalk. There was chalk dust all over our tables and clothes as we vigorously rubbed out our errors. We used Cuisenaire rods to learn arithmetic. The teacher had a set of magnetic rods and a white magnetic board to demonstrate to us. My father bought me a set of Cuisenaire rods to improve my arithmetic. I still have the rods and I still have trouble with arithmetic!

Every morning we had to line up in our class rows and listen to morning assembly. Every Monday we had to salute the flag and swear the oath to the Queen. "I love God and my Country, honour the flag, salute the Queen and cheerfully obey my parents, teachers and the laws." I had difficulty obeying my parents and teachers at any time, let alone cheerfully. Then we had to march to recorded music around the quadrangle until it was our turn to enter the school rooms. The younger pupils went in first while the senior grades marched around in circles, filling in time. Every Friday there was a marching competition. We marched around the playing fields, all in precision. The best looking class was awarded the banner to carry for the duration of the week, until the next marching competition. We were spaced three across, one arm's length away from those in front and on either side. Girls first and boys behind.

There was also folk dancing. It always seemed to be a lot of skipping around in circles and bowing to our partners and off again for more skipping.

From about grade 4 onwards we went to the Oakleigh Pool for swimming lessons. Two buses would come to the school to pick us up. Boys in one bus and girls in the other. I don't know what the boys did for entertainment on the bus, but the girls sang all the way there and back. "Take me out to the Ball Game, Buy me some peanuts and crackerjacks ...." I'm sure people could hear the bus coming for miles, we were that loud. I was awarded my Herald swimming certificate on the 14th of February, 1966.



That was the day that decimal currency was introduced. My father gave me a new 50c coin as a reward, and I still have it.

Excursions were educational. In 1965 we went to the Werribee Research Farm. We were shown all over the workings of the place, including a detailed demonstration of how the chickens had their heads chopped off and were defeathered!

We played all the usual games in the schoolyard at lunch time. In summer it was swap cards, or swappies as we called it. Jacks was another popular pastime. In the winter time we skipped with ropes or played hopscotch. One of my favourite games was 'tracks'. One person would set off with two sticks and draw a path in the dirt playground and after a time, the rest of us would follow the track. There would be obstacles drawn in, so that we had to jump across a fence, or negotiate a crocodile infested pond.

My mother (Bobby Vecht) was secretary of the Mothers' Club in 1965. There was a fashion parade, sponsored by one of the clothes shops in Oakleigh. It was held at the Oakleigh Town Hall.

Every year there was a fancy dress Ball, where all the children dressed up in a costume."

**DOROTHY KRAFT**  
Past Student 1960-1966



LEFT:  
**WERRIBEE FARM  
EXCURSION**  
1965

## MY REFLECTIONS

### MISCHA ABRAM



**Hi I'm Mischa Abram and I was a student at Hughesdale Primary School from 1999-2005. I enjoyed my time here so much that I was inspired to become a teacher. Now I am lucky enough to teach here too! Back in the day, the Hughesdale Primary School motto was: "Big enough to offer it all, small enough to care". This represented our school at the time as it only had an enrolment of less 200 students, which encouraged a close community feel - that is still around today.**

Let me share with you the many characters, special places, events and trends from my time at HPS.

Hughesdale Primary School always had an array of staff who made an impression on all students. Some familiar faces from my primary school days are: Aaron Richards, Sharon Amiet, Annie Wylie, Leonie Anglim and Maree Kraloglou.

At the time, Mr Richards was a P.E. teacher who arrived when I was in grade 5- before that we didn't have P.E.! I have strong memories of him saying "righty oh then" all the time.

Mrs Amiet wasn't my prep teacher, but was next door to my prep class and was always very sweet and kind.

I remember Mrs Wylie sang the national anthem each week with a lot of enthusiasm and would always start with "Laaaaa there's that note.. 1, 2, 3...".

Mrs Anglim was very much the same as she is today and it still feels strange to call her by her first name these days!

And finally Maree. We were good friends through primary school and in particular during grade 6 (see photo of us on next page on last day of school). We had some great

times and it's so lovely to see her and her family around the school. Her mum Helen helps out students in the sick bay and her brother Steven is currently a student teacher.

Hughesdale Primary School had many great places to hang out. For me, the library is one of my strongest memories. It was in the same location, but it filled about twice the space. During library story time, students were allowed to hold animal puppets, which felt like such a privilege. There was also an indoor cubby house that had two typewriters that kids could play with all lunch time!

Another fun place was the computer lab. Once a week (if we were lucky), we'd have a computer lesson with Mr Cormick. Paint, Microsoft Powerpoint and KidPix were all revolutionary and a lot of fun.

As a student I also enjoyed the playground. Like today, there were many different playgrounds scattered around the junior end of the school. My favourite was located near the teacher carpark - where the gym currently sits. It was a tall metal structure for climbing- like a bunch of stacked cubes on top of each other. I'm very surprised no one got injured on it!

As a teacher it is very exciting to have the privilege to use the sacred staffroom. As a student it was a very mysterious and exciting place. It used to be to the left of the front office (currently Miss Ryan's room). Students were only allowed there for special occasions such as graduation dinner, or helping parent volunteers.

One day when my little brother was in prep, his teacher noticed that he had gone to



the bathroom many times. This was back in the day when you would go by yourself and didn't need a buddy to join you. Confused, an E.S. staff member followed to see if everything was OK. As it turns out, he was more than OK - he had been going to the staff room and eating sugar cubes from the tea and coffee station!

As Hughesdale was a growing school, I was lucky enough to be there for many firsts. The first portable was big news! A brand new modern building that was separated from the rest of the school. Very cool. My friends and I were very jealous of the class in there.

There was also the first student to get their foot stuck in the playground treadmill. The fire brigade came to help the child out and gave them a stuffed firefighter teddy. I'm embarrassed to say, but I tried (and failed) many many times to get my foot stuck there too. I was much older than I care to admit.

Many people say that trends are cyclical, but I really hope some from my era never return. In prep one of the big trends was cutting your (or your friends') hair. I cut my own fringe. My best friend Hannah- she had her haircut by our friend Gabby. She went from shoulder length hair, to something of a "bowl cut" (pictured above).

Another trend was moustaches - as seen in my Grade 6 photos. Don't ask why. Other equally big trends were Smiggle stationery (as the first store had just opened), Harry Potter (my friends and I spent many lunch times yelling "up" at sticks on the ground as if they were broom sticks), Neopets (online games with Pokemon like cartoons), Tamagochi, Gameboy, Pokemon and throwing wet toilet paper on the ceiling of the bathroom.

Overall I have had an amazing time being a member of the Hughesdale community since before I even started school. I cannot wait to continue to see the community grow and change. And who knows, maybe one day another student will become a teacher here too!



**MY REFLECTIONS (CONT'D)**

MISCHA ABRAM



**MISCHA ABRAM**  
FORMER HPS STUDENT AND  
NOW GRADE 6 TEACHER

**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:**

1. MISCHA AND MAREE KRALOGLOU ON THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL.
2. MISCHA AND GABBY TURNER
3. PRINCIPAL CRAIG TANNER AWARDING MISCHA HER GRADUATION CERTIFICATE.
4. MISCHA FEEDING A BABY GOAT (PREP BOOK CHARACTER PARADE).
5. MISCHA AND HER THREE BROTHERS HEADING OFF TO SCHOOL.
6. MISCHA FEELING THE LOVE ON HER LAST DAY OF PRIMARY SCHOOL.







**HUGHESDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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100 YEAR AERIAL PHOTO

— **MARCH 5TH** —

TIME CAPSULE & DRESS UP DAY

— **MAY 2ND** —

SENIOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION '100'

— **JULY 25TH** —

GALA DINNER

— **AUGUST 17TH** —

CARNIVAL & OPEN DAY

— **NOVEMBER 23RD** —

YEARBOOK

— **DECEMBER 2024** —





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# HPS CENTENARY GALA DINNER

17th August 2024

**Mark your calendars and dust off your dancing shoes because Hughesdale Primary School is turning 100, and we're throwing a party to remember!**

We are thrilled to announce our upcoming Centenary Gala Dinner, a momentous occasion to celebrate a century of excellence in education, camaraderie, and memories.

For generations, Hughesdale Primary School has been a pillar of our community, shaping the minds and hearts of countless students and leaving an indelible mark on their lives. As we reflect on the past hundred years of achievements, friendships, and growth, we invite you to join us in commemorating this significant milestone.

The Gala Dinner, set to take place on 17th August, promises to be an evening filled with nostalgia, laughter, and heartwarming reunions. It's a rare opportunity to reconnect with old friends, explore exhibits showcasing Hughesdale Primary School's history, and celebrate the enduring spirit of our beloved school.

Throughout the night, guests will have the pleasure of hearing from distinguished speakers, including current and former members of the school community, who will share their fondest memories and reflect on the remarkable journey of Hughesdale Primary School. From heartwarming anecdotes to inspiring stories of triumph, each speaker will offer a unique

perspective on the school's rich history and its impact on generations of students.

As we come together to honor the legacy of Hughesdale Primary School, let us also look ahead with optimism and excitement for the next chapter in our storied history. The Centenary Gala Dinner is not just a celebration of the past but a testament to the enduring strength and resilience of our school community.

Tickets and information can be found via this link. We look forward to seeing you on the night!

[www.trybooking.com/CSEHK](http://www.trybooking.com/CSEHK)



HUGHESDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# CENTENARY CARNIVAL

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## SAVE THE DATE!

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NOVEMBER 23 2024



KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR MORE DETAILS, COMING SOON.

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- Perfect exposure for local business and community groups
- Secure your package early for maximum impact

## CALLING LOCAL BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

The 2024 Hughesdale Primary School Carnival will be the pinnacle of our 100 year centenary celebration, with a festival-style event featuring all the excitement of carnival rides and amusements, fun activities for all the family, a main stage with a full program of entertainment, a range of auctions, raffles and prizes, bar and refreshments.

## THIS NOT TO BE MISSED EVENT IS ALWAYS ONE OF THE BIGGEST ON HUGHESDALE'S SOCIAL CALENDAR!

Your contribution will help us put on a wonderful event and reach our fundraising targets. In return we offer repeated exposure to over 416 school families in the lead up to the event, publicity to the wider community as part of our advertising program, and most importantly, exposure to the 2,000 to 3,000 patrons, including past students, we are expecting to welcome on the day.

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## CENTENERY MERCH MAKING IT'S DEBUT

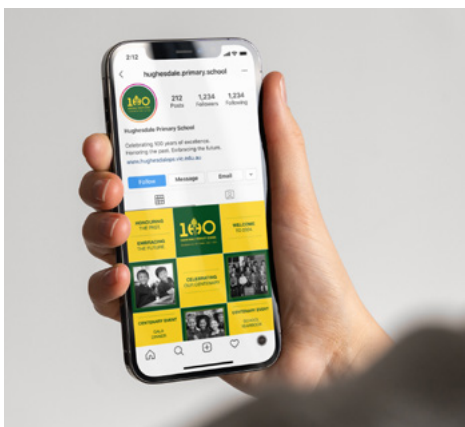
**A few months in the making, the first of the HPS Centenary merchandise has arrived!**

100 year t-shirts were pre-ordered and so popular, we are now on back orders!! Don't our student 'models' look fab and so proud in their limited edition HPS Centenary T's!!

We also took great delight in gifting each of our students, teachers and essential staff with a key ring and cloth patch to adorn their keys, bag, clothing.

There is a whole range of Centenary merchandise currently being finalised. So stay tuned via our socials and Compass for details on the items and how you can get yourself something special to commemorate this milestone!

We do plan to have commemorative merchandise available to purchase on our production night, Gala dinner and Carnival. So plenty of opportunity to purchase.



**If you haven't already, please follow Hughesdale Primary School on Instagram and Facebook.**

As a school, we are new to these platforms but finding our feet as we share fun and engaging updates of the HPS community, events and stories.

Stay updated, follow, like, share and invite others to join us on our digital media journey. Links below.

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### We need you!

We are actively on the look out for any past teachers, students or staff who went to Hughesdale Primary School and would be happy to share their story, photos and memories.

If you or someone you know would be interested in sharing, please send an email to the below and we will be in touch. Thank you!!

Lets continue the incredible HPS legacy!

**For any questions or more information:**  
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